

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:422
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000
SAFETY CORRIDOR ALONG INDO PAK BORDER
RAMJI LAL SUMAN;ZORA SINGH MANN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to construct a safety corridor along the Indo-Pak border in order to provide safety from the constant indiscriminate firing by the Pakistani army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to stop the damage being done to our country from the cross-border firing?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.422 DUE FOR ANSWER ON DECEMBER, 2000

(a) to (c): There is no proposal to construct safety corridor along the Indo-Pak border. The unwarranted and indiscriminate firing from across the border is confined to the International Border and Line of Control in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Government have taken the following measures to deal with the situation arising out of constant indiscriminate firing/shelling from across the border in Jammu & Kashmir.

- (i) An adequate graded retaliatory response is given by the Indian Army and the Border Security Force whenever Pakistani side resorts to unwarranted firing/shelling.
- (ii) The Border Security Force as well as the DGMO also take up the issue of unwarranted and indiscriminate firing/shelling from across the border with their Pakistani counterparts in their periodic meetings and weekly telephonic conversations respectively.
- (iii) Central funds have been provided to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir for construction of bunkers to protect people living in areas along the Line of Control from firing/shelling from across the border.